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In re application of:  
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For: GENES OF THE 1-DEOXY-D-XYLULOSE  
BIOSYNTHESIS PATHWAY

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The present paper is submitted as a complete response to the Office action mailed April 3, 2002, having a shortened period for response, which expires on May 3, 2002. The present paper is therefore timely filed; however, should an extension of time be required, this paper constitutes such a request. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for the filing of the present document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of the Application**

Claims 1-23 are pending herein. The present Office action alleges that the above-captioned application lacks unity of invention under 37 C.F.R. §1.475. The Office action maintains that the inventions listed in the Office action as Groups I-XIV do not relate to a single

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